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SELLS RESIDENT SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOLLOWING SEIZURE OF OVER 400 POUNDS OF COCAINE

TUCSON, Ariz. – Arthur David Pablo, Age 55, of Sells, Arizona, was sentenced here to 120 months of imprisonment, by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson. Arthur David Pablo had pleaded guilty on April 27, 2006 to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute over 400 pounds of cocaine. The defendant was also ordered to pay a \$100.00 Special Assessment and to serve a five year term of supervised release following the completion of his sentence.

On April 25, 2005 Pablo was arrested along with two co-defendants following the seizure of a pickup truck which was parked in the driveway of his residence in Sells, Arizona. Investigation revealed that the truck had recently crossed into the United States from the Republic of Mexico near the San Miguel gate on the Tohono O'odham nation. Following an alert on the vehicle by a trained narcotics detection K-9, agents discovered that the truck contained 165 packages of cocaine, with a total weight of 406.8 pounds (184.9 kilograms). The cocaine had been concealed within the bed and sidewalls of the pickup truck. At his change of plea proceeding, Pablo admitted that he had intended to pay his co-defendants to bring the truck to his residence, whereupon he planned to deliver it to Tucson, Arizona.

The investigation in this case was conducted by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the United States Border Patrol. The prosecution was handled by Bradley W. Giles, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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